

## INSANE DOCTOR WANTS TO OPERATE ON ALL PATIENTS

Dr. William R. Dabney of Marietta, Ohio, is committed to an Asylum on Application of His wife.

Marietta, Ohio, August 20.—With the commitment to Longview asylum in Cincinnati today, of Dr. William R. Dabney, there has come to light, says the Enquirer in one of the most remarkable chapters in medical history. It tells of the marvelous skill displayed with the surgeon's knife by an unrepentant madman, whose fame and practice had grown apace while his brain was in the throes of disorder.

Not until the crazed surgeon had undertaken to perform vivisection upon a patient was it realized by the attendants in the operating room that madness was directing the arm scalpel as it sought to uncover vital organs. Dr. Dabney entered practice in Marietta about 15 years ago. He made a specialty of eye, ear and throat operations.

The wonderful skill he displayed carried his fame to distant points and the large practice he had built up here was augmented by frequent calls to other cities to perform difficult operations.

**Charged to Eccentricity.**  
As his income grew larger, he established a hospital here and furnished it most elaborately. He wore a Van Dyke beard and affected foreign manners, so that even when his peculiarities caused remark they were excused as due to the eccentricity of genius. For several months previous to his mental collapse and the startling revelation of his condition, rarely a day passed that he did not perform two or three difficult operations. Even while in this mental state well-known surgeons would come here to witness his remarkable skill with the knife.

It was the death on the operating table of an aged and wealthy farmer, Jacob F. Schaad, that brought Dr. Dabney's career to the horrible climax. Schaad had tumorous growth on his upper jaw. He consulted Dr. Dabney and was assured that a minor operation would remove the disfigurement, and that a permanent cure was a matter of only a few days' stay in the hospital. Schaad finally yielded to the surgeon's persuasion and consented to go on the operating table on May 24 last.

**Surgeon Flies Into Rage.**  
Beside Dr. Dabney and the nurse, there were present, when Schaad lapsed into unconsciousness under the influence of the anaesthetic, Dr. C. B. Ballard and Dr. J. B. Penrose. As Dr. Dabney quietly proceeded with the knife the two surgeons detected that there was something wrong and both began to remonstrate. Dr. Dabney became very angry and finally ordered them from the operating room.

When the two doctors had left, according to the story of the nurse who had remained trembling beside the unconscious patient, Dr. Dabney began to dissect the face and throat of the unconscious Schaad. Both sides of the face were laid open, and deep incisions made in the throat. But the skull was shown in the dexterity with which he avoided inflicting a fatal wound on his living subject.

How far the crazed surgeon would have proceeded with the dissection cannot be told, for the horrified nurse ran from the room shrieking that Dr. Dabney was killing his patient. Her cries brought Drs. Ballard and Penrose with several of the hospital at-

## MEXICO REFUSES U. S. PROPOSALS TO END STRIFE

President Wilson's Personal Representative to Mexico Apparently Falls in Peace Mission.

Mexico City, Aug. 18.—Provisional President Huerta, replying today to President Wilson's note, which was recently delivered to the Mexican government through ex-Governor John Lind, refused mediation in the Mexican situation or any similar suggestions made by a foreign government. Mr. Lind has forwarded General Huerta's answer to Washington and is awaiting a reply.

President Huerta, in his reply, told the United States that he would tolerate no interference, even though that interference might be characterized as friendly mediation. The character of

attendants to the rescue, and Dr. Dabney, by this time a raging maniac, brandishing his scalpel over the unconscious living subject, was disarmed and subdued, after a desperate struggle.

Dr. Dabney was taken to the county jail and held in confinement until he could be arraigned in the Probate court for a lunacy inquiry.

In the meantime efforts were making to revive Schaad, who had been left on the operating table. He failed to rally and died that night, but so skillfully had the ward surgeon performed the terrible mutilation that the attending surgeons in their subsequent testimony were forced to admit that no evidence could be found that death was due to the frightful incisions made by Dr. Dabney with the scalpel.

After the arrest of the specialist many things developed to show that he had been insane for months, during which period he had operated on hundreds of patients. He was possessed of the idea that he was a great inventor and the world's greatest surgeon. He had announced that he would build a big hospital in the city and had purchased surgical instruments and hospital supplies in wholesale quantities. When his offices, where he had fitted up a few rooms at a private hospital wear examined thousands of dollars worth of this sort of equipment was found. Much of it had been paid for, so that he had virtually bankrupted himself, while large quantities were returned to the firms from which they had been purchased.

At the inquiry Mrs. Dabney declared that he had been acting queerly for a long time, and that his conduct had become such that she feared he would do the members of the family harm and take the lives of the many patients who were coming daily to him for advice.

Stories were told of trips he had taken to New York and other points on which he had spent large sums of money, but just what it had gone for, unless it went for instruments, never was known. On his return he told of hobnobbing with the big men of Wall street.

the reply of Washington to President Huerta's note will determine the next action in the international drama.

All those connected with the American embassy refuse to admit the receipt of the note and that it had been sent was not admitted officially by the Mexican government. At the embassy there was an evident desire to appear optimistic and one was led to believe that Mr. Lind still hoped for a continuation of the negotiations. Those familiar with the workings of the Mexican administrations expressed doubt as to the government again opening the subject for discussion.

**Rejection Reaches Washington.**

Washington, Aug. 18.—The Huerta government's rejection of the suggestion made by the United States for a peaceful solution of the Mexican revolution reached Washington late today. President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counsellor John Bassett Moore, of the state department, discussed for nearly two hours the dispatches of John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, describing the attitude of the Huerta officials.

**President Disappointed.**

The president and his advisers were plainly disappointed at the turn of events, but announced that the American government would have nothing to say tonight. Instead the American communication appealing for a suspension of hostilities and a constitutional election, together with the emphatic statement that under no circumstances could the United States recognize the Huerta regime because it was set up by irregular force instead of constitutional order, will be made public tomorrow. In view of the rejection of the suggestions contained in the communication presented by Mr. Lind, its publication tomorrow will constitute a reiteration before the world of President Wilson's ideas as to constitutional government in Latin America.

**End of Dealings.**  
In all likelihood today's events mean the end of any dealings with the Huerta officials. Though there was much talk in official circles of lifting the embargo on arms and permitting the constitutionalists to get the munitions of war with which they claim they can overthrow the Huerta administration, it is likely that such a policy will be carefully considered in the senate before any action is taken.

The position taken by administration officials tonight was that the United States had done all that a friendly neighbor could do without actually using force. The only interest, it was pointed out, that the United States can have in Mexico is the protection of lives and property. Financial losses can be met by indemnities, it is believed here, and lives can best be protected by withdrawal of Americans from the danger zone. To this end officials are considering the removal of Americans and the payment of transportation for the destitute.

A strong sentiment in favor of giving the constitutionalists arms on an equality with the Huerta faction exists in the senate. President Wilson is said to be opposed to such a measure, as it is not a move in the direction of peace, but he has not finally made up his mind on the subject.

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## IN SOCIETY

Mid Summer Cotillion Highland Lake Club.

The 3rd annual mid-summer cotillion at Highland Lake on the evening of August 14, was the most brilliant social event of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Selbels of Columbia led the ball, and to them was largely due the success of the occasion. Mrs. Selbels was beautiful in a charming gown of brocade charmeuse trimmed with chiffon and fillet lace. She wore an orange bouquet of fuchsias, ferns and hydrangeas.

Mrs. Martin Sullivan of Montgomery with Mr. St. Julian Brinke of Charleston, assisted in leading. Mrs. Sullivan, a lovely blonde, was beautifully gowned in cerise charmeuse trimmed with Pexalan passamentary.

Following the handsome leaders, nearly a hundred couples were led by favors table where the ladies each received corsage bouquets of hydrangeas, ferns and golden rod.

Other favors during the evening were Japanese fans and Japanese sparklers.

This Japanese scheme of decoration was carried out in the spacious ball room where lanterns, umbrellas and garlands made the scene one of brilliant coloring. The stage was banked in white leaf pines and huge fern baskets filled with goldenrod decorated the ends.

Mrs. William Kelly and Mrs. Ernest Ladd of Mobile, presided at the punch table early in the evening and Mrs. Robert Oates, of Flat Rock with Mrs. F. H. Howden, of Savannah, were the gracious hostesses at the table, later in the evening.

Mrs. Kelly wore white shadow lace over white charmeuse, Mrs. Ladd white charmeuse with an overdress of lace, Mrs. Oates wore black lace over red silk, Mrs. Howden wore black jet over charmeuse.

The punch table was in a bow of green and goldenrod, which made an attractive frame for the handsome and gracious matrons presiding.

Mrs. Charles LeBaron Taylor of Mobile, and Miss Lean Lahey of Montgomery, were at the favor table. Mrs. Taylor wore a charming gown of black embroidered chiffon over yellow charmeuse. Miss Lahey's graceful costume was of yellow chiffon and shadow lace.

**Hail Does Damage.**  
Hon. M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor who is spending several days in Hendersonville, reports a very severe and destructive hail storm last week in the Blantyre section. He says that the hail played havoc with both corn and tobacco and in many instances the destruction was almost total while the general damage will average fifty per cent.

## THOUSANDS FROM SOUTHLAND COME

FOR VACATION IN "LAND OF SKY."

Excursions From Several Important Points Arrive During Week and Tax Capacity of Local Hotels and Boarding Houses—Biggest Crowd Ever Visited This Section.

The greatest influx of visitors to Hendersonville and vicinity during any one day of the present season was on Wednesday last when excursions from Florida points and Charleston, S. C. arrived. The Florida train known as No. 9 was run in four sections while the Carolina Special from Charleston came in two sections. Upon arrival at the station there was a grand rush to secure lodging and boarding accommodations and those who had not already made reservations, found some difficulty in settling themselves. All

of the hotels and many of the boarding houses have been well filled during the past week and many of them furnished overflow accommodations. It is safe to say that there are now more people in and around Hendersonville than at any time in the past. Excursions from New Orleans, Atlanta and intermediate points arrived Saturday night and Sunday morning bringing large numbers of visitors and to the new corner streets of the city present the spectacle of a town en fete. The prospects is that for the coming two weeks the places of accommodations will have all that they can do to take care of the people who are here claiming the hospitality of the people of the Land of the Sky.

## WOULD DODGE SULZER ISSUE.

Friends of Administration Hope Courts Will Decide Question at an Early Date.

Washington, August 17.—Pending an adjustment of difficulties in New York State, under which it can be definitely settled as to whether Sulzer or Glynn is Governor, officials in Washington are wondering how long it will be before the Wilson administration is called upon to recognize one or the other.

Under the Dick law, by which the Federal Government supplies arms, ammunition, supplies and transportation to the Federal guard, the requisitions must be approved by the Governor of each State enjoying the assistance. Next month the New York National Guard, or part of it, expects to hold manoeuvres at Peekskill. Rather than attempt to assume responsibilities for deciding who is Governor, the war department, it is stated, would wait upon the State Legislature or the courts to decide the dispute.

Even more pressing is the prospect on the government here being called upon to decide the question in the case of a foreign government seeking the extradition of a person from New York State. In this event the Federal authorities would be required to call upon the Governor of the State for the delivery of the person wanted, and in that way recognize one of the contestants.

The White House is particularly anxious not to be placed in the position of taking any part in the controversy, and President Wilson strongly resents reports that he had been advising Governor Sulzer.

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## ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD BY G.W.N.C. CLUB

Many Important Matters Transacted—Lively Discussion Characterized the Proceedings.

A meeting of the Greater Hendersonville Club was held last Thursday evening at the City hall and was well attended, about twenty members responded to the roll call. Col. Cohen manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association was a distinguished guest. Many matters pertaining to the good of the this section were discussed during the meeting. The recommendation of the board of governors to the effect that the sum of \$25.00 per week be appropriated to assist in maintaining the band at Laurel Park during the season was approved. The "Auto Meet" committee reported that it had asked the permission of the city council for a speed contest on Main street for two hours some afternoon, and had been "turned down." A committee was then appointed to get signatures to a petition to be presented to the council for such permit, naming Monday, Aug. 25th as the date. The committee appointed consists of W. S. Miller, R. C. Clarke, J. C. Morrow and J. W. McIntyre and has thus far secured the signatures of many of the prominent citizens and business men of the city. The committee appointed to look into the controversy between the local hospital directors and the committee of the Greater Western North Carolina Association reported its findings and was continued until the special meeting of the club set for the evening of Aug. 21st. The Home Coming committee which attended the meeting at Asheville reported that the celebration had been postponed until next year, together with other data concerning that event. A committee will be appointed later to make the preliminary arrangements for the celebration. A vote of thanks was given J. T. Patrick for his demonstration of public spirit in the matter of assisting in the repairing of public roads in the county. The club also gave a vote of thanks to Sam T. Hodges for his splendid efforts for the public good during the present season. It was reported to the meeting that the burden of information had had proved to be a great success and had well fulfilled its mission. A resolution was adopted recommending the establishment here of a real estate exchange. Prof. W. C. Allen of the Western North Carolina Educational Association was present and made an address setting forth the necessity for the establishment in Western North Carolina of a Teachers Training school and asking the co-operation of the club. The appeal of Prof. Allen was endorsed and the following letter was given him by the secretary of the club:

Aug. 15, 1913.  
"Prof. W. C. Allen, W. N. C. Educational Association,  
Dear Sir:—

"At a meeting of the Greater Hendersonville Club held on Aug. 14, 1913, the formation of the W. N. C. Educational Association received the unanimous endorsement of those present, and an expression of hearty appreciation was adopted for the objects and proposed line of endeavor of the Association, namely, to endeavor through thorough organization and co-operation to secure an appropriation from the State Legislature at the next session for the establishment of a Teacher's Training school in Western North Carolina.

"I take pleasure in transmitting this sentiment to you, and trust you will be successful in securing a great many members to the Association from the ranks of our progressive business people.  
Yours very truly,  
H. C. MEYER,  
Secretary."

The club then adjourned to meet in special session at the City Hall at 8:30 p. m., August 25.

**Free to Farmers.**  
The North Carolina department of agriculture will have a limited number of samples of material for the inoculation of crimson clover, Burr clover, vetch and alfalfa for distribution this fall.

Any one in this section of the state who expects to sow any one of these crops this fall for the first time should send in his application at once for enough of this material to inoculate seed to run acre. There is no charge for the material, but each man is required to report results. Applicants must reach J. L. Burgess, Raleigh, N. C., at least a month before seed is to be sowed.

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If you will stop to consider the reasons we have given, we are sure you will see that the change we are going to make will be to your advantage. It will enable us to give you better value for your money; and that is what you want.

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